

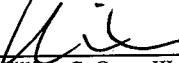
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Applicant:	Michael A. Slivka et al.	
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE FILED WITH RCE

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper and a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Advisory Action dated February 26, 2008. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.